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2001 Bond Fund Is Overspent, Theater Project Needs Funding

by James Giese

Based on information provided in the Greenbelt city budget, the 2001 Bond Fund, one of the city's capital expenditure funds, has spent more money than has been realized from the sale of bonds and receipt of grants. This overrun was caused by additions to the Public Works facility having cost two-and-one-half times as much as originally anticipated. As a result, the fund has drawn down upon other city reserves.

In addition, a major project, renovating the Old Greenbelt Theatre, is now on hold with little expectation of being accomplished unless city voters approve another bond issue. Another project, an addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, has also been temporarily abandoned.

It is not unusual for Greenbelt capital projects to exceed expenditures because of rapidly inflating construction costs. Nor is it unusual for some projects to be abandoned or scaled back with available funds being reallocated elsewhere.

However, it is most unusual

for the Greenbelt City Council to proceed with a capital project without all necessary funding in place. In his message submitted with the city budget for Fiscal Year 2011, City Manager Michael McLaughlin identifies the need for another \$1 million bond issue to pay for the additional costs for the Public Works facility.

The 2001 Bond Fund accounts for the \$3.5 million bond issue authorized by city voters to pay for the cost of multiple projects: additions to the Public Works facility and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; various pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety projects and playground improvements in Greenbelt East and renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The Public Works addition is now complete at a cost of over \$4,961,000, well in excess of the \$2 million cost-estimate at the time the bond issue was proposed. That cost exceeds as well the \$3.5 million authorized by voters for all bond issue projects.

Another \$498,000 has been spent on various Greenbelt East projects, originally budgeted at \$500,000.

Nearly \$263,000 has been spent on architectural and engineering work and some repairs at the movie theater, exceeding the original budget of \$250,000. However, most theater renovation work has not been done.

Nor has anything been done about an addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, for which \$750,000 had been allocated. The city stopped planning for the addition when owners of Springhill Lake Apartments announced plans to tear down and rebuild not only all the apartments but the recreation center. No bond monies have been spent for the addition.

Now an addition to the recreation center is listed on the city's capital projects wish list without a source of funding identified. However, the city has obtained an \$80,000 Community Development Block Grant to be used to

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Council Okays Improved Security at Empirian Village

by Diane Oberg

At its August 9 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved placing three emergency call boxes, two with security cameras, in the vicinity of Empirian Village.

Council unanimously approved a plan that had been developed by city staff to install emergency call boxes at three locations: 1) along the Metro Access Drive sidewalk about halfway between the flyover ramp and Cherrywood Lane, 2) on Springhill Drive near the elementary school and 3) near the Springhill Lake (SHL) Recreation Center. Security cameras will be installed at the latter two locations.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that a camera could not be installed at the Metro Access Drive location due to power issues and the lack of an I-Net connection. The I-Net is the County-Municipal institutional network that serves as the cable

supporting the city's phone and computer network.

Councilmember Silke Pope noted that no cameras were located where people live. She said it would be more logical to place cameras in the middle of the complex.

McLaughlin noted that serious crimes in the vicinity of Metro Access Drive had been the main impetus for obtaining the cameras. Mayor Judith Davis noted that in case of incidents the city also wanted to have coverage near the elementary school.

Councilmember Edward Putens disagreed. He said that the responsibility for installing security measures in Empirian Village is (has been) the city's alone. He said he wanted to see Empirian Village management do their part.

Most of the estimated \$56,200 cost of cameras and callboxes will

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Greenbelt Welcomes Fox 5 Hometown Friday Show

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt sparkled, twinkled and shone under the camera lights of Fox 5 during its Hometown Friday live broadcast from Roosevelt Center on July 30. The city's jewels included Greenbelt's youth, history, food and future for which Greenbelt residents provided a colorful backdrop.

Self-professed Professional Knucklehead Greg May, who ran away from the Ringling Brothers

and Barnum and Bailey Circus with his wife – a former elephant rider – to find a home, introduced three young ladies from Greenbelt's Circus Camp. Emma rode a unicycle, and Bridget and Tessie balanced on large balls while they juggled, waved flags and stepped into hula hoops. One of the campers even jumped

See **FOX SHOW**, page 12

Prince George's County Schools To Open Monday, August 23

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will open Monday, August 23 and will close on Monday, June 13 if no make-up days are needed. This year there are four holidays in September. Schools will be closed for Labor Day Monday, September 6; Rosh Hashanah on Thursday, September 9; the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 14; and for a professional day on Friday, September 24.

In addition, Eid Al-Fitr is celebrated on Friday, September 10. While schools will be open, PGCPS prohibits scheduling of any meetings or activities during or after the regular school day. Both Eid Al-Fitr and Rosh Hashanah start at sundown of the previous day so after-school county activities and meetings in school buildings will not be held on the evenings of September 8, 9 or 10.

On the first day of school parents are encouraged to walk with their children to school or to meet them at the school when they arrive by bus. Hours for all schools remain the same as for the last school year; they are shown in a box on page 10.

Greenbelt children can attend one of three public elementary schools – Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and

Magnolia Elementary Schools. All Greenbelt students also can attend Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Turning Point Academy, a public charter school, is located in Greenbelt East. Any county student, including those in Greenbelt, can apply to attend a county charter school.

School Uniforms

Springhill Lake Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School, Turning Point Academy and Greenbelt Middle School require students to wear uniforms. Uniforms are not required at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Springhill Lake Elementary will continue to have the 5th grade as its highest grade.

Sixth graders residing in Empirian Village apartments will attend Greenbelt Middle School, although their classes are often separate from those of the older students.

School meal prices will be increasing this year (see separate story on page 6).

New Students

The birth dates for admission for some classes have been in flux in recent years as cut-off ages for admissions to various classes have gradually pulled back from December 31 to September 1 of specific entry years.

Once students are in the school system, completion of the previous grade is used to indicate readiness to move to the next grade.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, formerly called pre-school, a student must be 4 on or before September 1, 2010, although parents of children who will be 4 by October 15 can apply for admission if there are demonstrated educational needs.

For kindergarten, children must be 5 on or before September 1. Parents of children who will be five by October 15 may ask to have their child evaluated for admission.

For first grade, children must be 6 by September 1. Completion of kindergarten is required. Because of complexities with admission of new students to first grade, parents can call the school system at 301-808-2707 for more information.

Registering

Registering for school has become much more complex. Changing family composition, frequent moves and issues of falsifying addresses to attend certain schools have made for more and more documentation. Parents of students must have at

See **SCHOOLS**, page 6



Fox anchor Gurvir Dhindsa interviews Tom White on the News Review's role in the community.

What Goes On

Monday, August 23

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenbelt Watershed Groups, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov

Tuesday, August 24

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) at Community Center

Wednesday, August 25

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center, Room 111

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for August 23 through 27:

Monday – Orange juice, Swedish meatballs with gravy, wide egg noodles, okra with corn and tomatoes, fresh peach.

Tuesday – Split pea soup, tuna pasta salad, Caesar salad, bag of pretzels, cherry crisp.

Wednesday – Grape juice, Italian sausage on a roll with green peppers and onions, vegetable penne pasta, California mixed vegetables, peach supreme.

Thursday – Navy bean soup, baked chicken with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas, marinated cucumber salad, fresh banana.

Friday – Orange juice, vegetable beef stew, chopped kale, tossed salad, fresh nectarine.

GHI Notes

GHI Labor Day Booth needs volunteers for two-hour shifts – call 301-474-4161 to assist.

Thursday August 19, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., Offices closed. (Emergency maintenance available. Call 301-474-6011.)

Tuesday, August 24, 7 p.m., Web-site Work Group – GHI Lobby

7 p.m., Board Hearing, Executive Session – Board Room

Wednesday, August 25, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, August 26, 6:45 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

8 p.m., Members Input Session on 2011 Budget – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

At the August 11 meeting the Golden Age Club was visited by some of the young camp kids and given handmade invitations to the “Sing Along” later that afternoon. Several members attended and enjoyed the songs. It really does make us feel younger to be with the young kids and join the songs. They learn some of our generation’s songs and we learn theirs. Thanks again to the leaders and the campers.

Plans are being made for the yard sale/bake sale in October. Donations may be left in the Senior Lounge at the Community Center. Please – no books and no clothing. We need volunteers to make this a success.

Our condolences to Lois Funk on the death of her mother. Keep Fredda Dinger and Darlene O’Reilly in our thoughts and prayers.

Try to keep cool and come to meetings and bring a friend.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Friday, August 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey plays snappy jazz and blues tunes (Saturday too). From 8 to 11 p.m. the Jazz Organ Trio “Organ-izes”

Saturday, August 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. classical guitarist Bruce Kritt gives his weekly performance. The 8 to 11 p.m. evening hours will feature Transatlantic Crossing playing high energy fiddle tunes from both sides of the Atlantic.

Sunday, August 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute. A Darbuke Dawg Drum Circle of Middle Eastern/Balkan music and dance will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and the folk trio Amy & Me plays from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Steve Hauk plays folk music on Tuesday, August 24, 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, August 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. the monthly Cajun Jam brings talented musicians and singers together for a fun night of playing or listening. On Thursday, August 26 the Songwriters Association of Washington hosts the monthly open microphone from 7 to 9 p.m. A Café favorite, The Hot Club of DC, makes Friday, August 27 a hot night of gypsy jazz, from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, August 28 from 8 to 11 p.m. features the four-piece rock band “The Hot Noodles.” On Sunday, August 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. Morrigan returns with Indy pop and folk music.

For details call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

On August 3 over 400 bags of welcoming gifts and information were assembled to be distributed to new residents of Greenbelt. Included were a new 70-page city booklet plus 30 flyers and brochures. The 17 “packet stuffers” supporting the organizer Beverly Palau (mostly from Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance), were (left to right) Johanna Goderre Jones, Councilmember Konrad Herling, Genevieve Schrier, Alice Mitchell, Barbara Havekost, Anna Socrates, Ann Landry Lombardi, Bob Rand, Lore Rosenthal, Chelsea Calhoun, Sylvia Lewis, Kathleen Gallagher, Sandra Lange, David Lange and Shirley Middleton. Not shown: Jenn Errick and Councilmember Emmett Jordan.

Co-op Wine Tastings, Food Demos Held

On Friday, August 20 the Co-op grocery store will hold a free wine-tasting event from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be two additional wine tastings in the coming week – on Wednesday, August 25 and on Friday, August 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. People are invited to come, bring a friend and participate in tasting featured Co-op wines. Be sure to bring identification.

Wednesday, August 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. the co-op offers the monthly Seasonal and Savory food demonstration program; a mushroom tart with wine pairings is featured this month. Wednesday, August 25 is also Patron Appreciation Day, with a five percent savings on most purchases (except stamps and gift cards).

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF AUG 20

Eat, Pray, Love

(PG-13)

Friday

*4:30, 7:15, 9:55

Saturday

*1:45, *4:30, 7:15, 9:55

Sunday

*1:45, *4:30, 7:15

Monday - Thursday

*4:45, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50

Now accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for ticket sales only.

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129 Centerway

www.pandgtheatres.com

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

will be holding additional registration for the

2010 Football, Cheerleading and Soccer Season.

Registration dates are Monday thru Friday beginning Thursday,

August 12 until Tuesday, August 31 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway.

Please call 301-794-0100 for more information

or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com.

Luncheon-On-The-Lawn

Labor Day

Immediately following the Parade

\$7.00 – Adults, \$5.00 – Children (under 12)

Community Church

Crescent Rd. & Hillside

Greenbelt Arts Center turns into the biker bar Knights of Albion

KING LEAR

By William Shakespeare, Presented by the Rude Mechanicals

Friday, August 20, 27 & September 3 at 8:00 PM

Saturday, August 21, 28 & September 4 at 8:00 PM

\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors

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<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>

Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

COMING SOON:

Auditions for Chapter Two: August 23- 24, from 7-9 pm,

ALONIZ fundraiser - September 5 - 24-hour improv fundraiser for Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Call 301.441.8770 for more information

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall

Center Court

301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON

ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of AUG 20

FRI. – SAT.

The Other Guys, PG-13

11:20, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World, PG-13

11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20

Piranha 3D IN 3D, R (!)

11:15, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20, 10:30

Vampires Suck, PG-13 (!!)

11:15, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20, 10:30

The Expendable, PG-13 (!!)

11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

Lottery Ticket, PG-13 (!)

11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10

Nanny McPhee Returns, PG

11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

Step Up, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10

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The Other Guys, PG-13

11:20, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50,

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World, PG-13

11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:50

Piranha 3D IN 3D, R (!)

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Vampires Suck, PG-13 (!!)

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 6, 8:10

The Expendable, PG-13 (!!)

11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40

Lottery Ticket, PG-13 (!)

11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40

Nanny McPhee Returns, PG

11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 8

Step Up, PG-13

11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 8

MON. – THU.

The Other Guys, PG-13

12:20, 2:45, 5:30, 8

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World, PG-13

12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 8

Piranha 3D IN 3D, R (!)

12:45, 3, 5:30, 7:50

Vampires Suck, PG-13

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The Expendable, PG-13

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Lottery Ticket, PG-13 (!)

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Step Up, PG-13

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More Community Events on page 2 and 4

Nature and Wildlife Photography Exhibit

A solo exhibition of nature and wildlife photographs by Prince George’s County-based artist Richard Paul Weiblinger is on display now through October 15 at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Department of Parks & Recreation, Prince George’s County Arts and Cultural Heritage Division at 7833 Walker Drive in Greenbelt. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Potential visitors should call 301-446-3249 in advance of coming.

Weiblinger, a Laurel resident, is a self-taught photographer with wide-ranging work. His photographs capture ever-changing moments and the diversity of nature, whether in a fleeting wildlife expression or a striking landscape. He has been captivated by the natural world since childhood and his photographs of wildlife capture that world with intimacy. For details call 301-446-3249, TTY 301-446-3234 or email julia.morelli@pgparks.com.

M-NCPPC Safe Summer Program

Until Saturday, August 21 M-NCPPC Parks and Recreation is extending hours from 10 p.m. to midnight at 24 community facilities across Prince George’s County to give young people ages 12 to 24 free access to their favorite recreational activities.

Safe Summer sites give youth a place to hang out with friends, try new, exciting activities and enjoy lots of fun, including Laser Tag, Nintendo Wii competitions, basketball leagues, enrichment sessions, soccer games, movie nights, dance lessons, poetry workshops, team-building exercises, animal showcases, pool parties, swim lessons and more.

Check the calendar of events at http://www.pgxtremeteens.com/Hot_Happenings/Calendar_of_Events.htm.

Participants must have a valid M-NCPPC Youth ID card. To get a card visit a M-NCPPC community center or facility with a parent or legal guardian.

For more information visit www.pgsafesummer.com.

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, August 29
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Learn about Prince George’s County

People are invited to attend a series of free educational, entertaining lectures on the heart of Prince George’s County.

Given by the Prince George’s County Historical Society, the lectures will be held at Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale (near the intersection of Route 193 Enterprise Road) and Route 450 (Annapolis Road).

The next lecture will be held Wednesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. The subject will be “The Anacostia Watershed: Prince George’s County’s Lifeblood” by Patricia Gladding, Anacostia Watershed Society.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information or questions, email pgchsmembers@hotmail.com.

Wellmobile at SHL On Monday, Aug. 23

On Monday, August 23 the Governor’s Wellmobile will be at Springhill Lake Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program, which is held on the second and fourth Monday of every month, offers varied services and is open to all.

For more information or to make an appointment call 866-228-9668.

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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us




Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children’s service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children’s Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist




ROSH HASHANAH begins Wed. evening Sept 8 thru Sept 10
YOM KIPPUR begins on Friday evening Sept 17 thru Sept 18

Sukkot begins: Wednesday evening Sept. 22
Dairy potluck dinner in the Sukkah Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
Followed by a family service at 7:30 p.m.
Service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Simchat Torah begins: Thursday evening Sept 30
Parade and dancing for the entire family at 7:30 p.m.
Friday Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m. Morning services

Mishkan Torah is dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.
Monthly Family Shabbat, Innovative Religious School, Choir, Adult Education, Social Action Sisterhood and Men’s Club.
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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am





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3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

August 22, 10 a.m.


“What’s for Dinner?” by Becky Hedin, Jennifer Robinson, Bruce Baker, Don Gerson and Penny O’Brien, with Marilyn Pearl, worship associate
Our Green Team focuses on ways to interpret and practice ethical eating.



ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



Greenbelt Community Church

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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

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| Sunday | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| Sunday | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Prayer Meeting/Bible Study |

ALL are Welcome!

“Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service”



Hope Fellowship

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 “Good Morning!” Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway Greenbelt Rec Center
(Behind the Community Center)

BE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!

301-474-4499

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make some unidentified improvements to the recreation center.

Overspent

Total bond fund expenditures to date are about \$5,730,000 – \$2,230,000 in excess of the bond issue authorization.

Some additional funds have been obtained by the city to offset these excess costs. About \$143,000 in grants and state funds have been received. Interest earned on temporarily investing bond sale proceeds before the money was spent totaled almost half a million dollars.

The city council has also allocated other city funds to partially pay excess costs in this fund. In fiscal year 2009, \$100,000 was transferred from the Building Capital Improvements Fund and \$625,000 from the General Fund.

Currently the 2001 Bond Fund has a deficit balance of costs in excess of revenues of \$857,545. This deficit is essentially being covered by fund balances in the General and other funds, according to McLaughlin, and is the reason the city has issued tax anticipation notes.

Greenbelt and other governments have a problem with revenues lagging behind expenditures because much of the city’s state-shared income tax revenue is not received until the very end of the fiscal year and even later. If there are sufficient undesignated cash reserves on hand, they are used to temporarily cover expenses incurred until income tax monies are received. If reserves are not sufficient, the city must then make temporary loans by issuing tax anticipation loans.

The city has made such loans during the past two years. According to the budget, the estimated interest cost for the tax anticipation loan in fiscal year 2010 was \$2,500 and the amount budgeted in FY11 is \$5,000.

New Bond Issue?

Major renovations to the theater are still not accomplished. The cost estimate for this work is now \$722,455. The city expects to obtain \$380,000 in approved state funds, not enough to do the work.

The 2011 budget estimates the sale of additional general obligation bonds totaling \$1,200,000 – enough to provide the additional funding needed to renovate the theater and to eliminate the fund deficit. Such a bond issue would require approval of city voters at a referendum.

McLaughlin proposes such a referendum for the next city election in November 2011. At the earliest, then, theater renovations would not take place until 2012.

Consideration is being given to putting together a package bond issue proposal, according to McLaughlin. Voter approval would be sought to sell bonds to finance multiple projects, of which only the additional theater funding and paying off the 2001 Bond Fund deficit are now identified.

In his budget message,

McLaughlin said there were a number of other projects, such as Greenbelt Lake improvements, for which funding will likely be needed in coming years. He warns, however, that fiscal constraints of the next few years could well limit the city’s ability to incur debt.

The failure of voters to approve another bond issue would leave the city without funds to renovate the theater and permanently reduce the city’s reserves by \$857,000 at a time when loss of revenue due to the poor economy may place the city in further financial constraint, requiring the use of reserves.

Advocates Sought For Foster Youth

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Prince George’s County is seeking volunteers to train as advocates for children living in foster care. Volunteers spend about 10 hours a month getting to know the children and working with teachers, social workers and other adults protecting the child to help ensure the child’s needs are met and a safe, permanent home is found.

CASA is accepting applications for day and evening training sessions. For more information visit www.speakforthechildren.org or call 301-209-0491.

USBG Cooking Demo On Power Foods

The U.S. Botanic Gardens will hold a free walk-up cooking demonstration on Saturday, August 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tania Mercer, chef, instructor and nutrition advisor, says the future of health care just may be found in one’s garden. Learn about wonder foods such as grated beet salad with toasted mustard seeds and herbs, ginger-infused grilled shrimp and ancient grains and tumeric pilaf.

The menu is subject to change. This is a not a sit-down class. It takes place at the Conservatory West Gallery at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Get Tanked And Save Water

Low-flow showerheads and dual-flush toilets are wonderful but what if one wants to save water in the bathroom without having to install something new? Simply fill up a half-liter (or larger, if it’ll fit) bottle with water and put it in the toilet tank, a trick that can save up to 7,500 gallons per year.

– Sierra Club



City Information

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 23-27

Monday, August 23 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenbelt Watershed Groups at the Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, August 24 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green ACES) at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30pm, SENIOR CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, room 111 at the Greenbelt Community Center

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on:

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For information call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE

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Located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

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CITY OF GREENBELT NAMED AS A PLAYFUL COMMUNITY FOR THE 4TH TIME!

The City of Greenbelt has been recognized by KaBOOM, a national non-profit organization dedicated to saving play, as a Playful City USA.

This program honors cities and towns that are determined to prioritize play and ensure that children are healthy by providing the time and space for play.

Greenbelt was also selected for its outstanding dedication to play. A notable aspect of its commitment to children. Greenbelt’s approach to joint use agreements specifically collaborates with Homeowners Associations (HOA). In exchange for the city partnering with the HOAs to upgrade and maintain the playgrounds, the HOAs make sure that the playgrounds are open to the public.

For more information on the KaBOOM! Playful City USA program, visit www.kaboom.org/playfulcityusa.

WELCOME TO GREENBELT PACKETS

If you are a new City of Greenbelt resident and you did not receive a “Welcome to Greenbelt” packet when you moved in, they are available at the Greenbelt City Office, 25 Crescent Road. For more information call 301-474-8000. The Welcome to Greenbelt book is available also at www.greenbeltmd.gov

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Free for Greenbelt residents; \$175 for non-residents. Students are required to purchase calculators and textbooks. Classes will be held in the Municipal Building. GED I is 10:30am - 12:30pm, and GED II is 1pm - 3pm.

For enrollment info, call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660, x2016 or email jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

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Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at

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301-474-2041

School Changes Are In the Air Here

by Mary Moien

As Greenbelt students get ready to go back to school, there have been more school changes in town than in many years. First, after one-half century, St. Hugh’s School has closed its Crescent Road location. St. Hugh’s Parish is forming a regional Catholic school with St. Joseph’s Parish in Beltsville and St. Nicholas Parish in Laurel. The school location will be at the current campus of St. Joseph’s School.

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) will have a new principal and many new staff and teachers after a required reorganization following poor standardized test scores. Sharon Porter, former principal at

Lamont Elementary School in New Carrollton, takes over as the GMS principal. GMS parents have also been working to establish a viable parent-teachers association (PTA).

Springhill Lake Elementary also has a new principal, Natasha Jenkins. She replaces long-time principal Linda Sherwood who retired at the end of the last school year.

Finally, plans are underway to develop a new charter school in the city – Greenbelt Public Charter School. If approved by the School Board, the new school could open in Fall 2011. Discussions are underway with the Archdiocese of Washington to rent the St. Hugh’s school building.



School Meal Prices Increase this Year

After several years of unchanging prices, the cost of school meals will go up this year. Elementary school children’s lunch will cost \$2.50, up from \$2. Lunch for middle and high schoolers will increase to \$2.75. Breakfast for all students will be \$1.50. The price for milk remains at 50 cents. Adult lunch remains \$3.50 and adult breakfast is now available for \$2. Some children may qualify for free milk. All prices are subject to change. Arrangements can be made to prepay for lunches so that children do not have to bring money to school each day.

Children will be bringing home information about free or reduced cost lunches close to the first day of school. In recent years, reduced-price lunches have been 40 cents for all grades; however, the fall price has not been confirmed.

The school system’s Food and Nutrition Services reports that it “offers a wide variety of popular foods. We strive, through careful selection and preparation, to make children’s favorite foods nutritionally sound. From “Smart Pizza” to “Carrot Sticks” you can be assured we have considered our customers likes and dislikes and have purchased the most healthful foods available. Encourage your child to exercise daily and eat a wide variety of foods in moderation for optimum health!”

Beltway Plaza Hosts Back to School Show

This Saturday, August 21 at 2 p.m. Beltway Plaza will hold its annual Back to School Fashion Show at the mall’s Center Court. Everyone is invited to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon the last weekend before heading back to school. In addition to the fashion show there will be giveaways and raffles.

School Dress Code

Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary School, Turning Point Academy and Greenbelt Middle School require uniforms. Other Greenbelt schools will follow Prince George’s County dress code requirements:

A headdress can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons only.

Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire mid-section should be covered. There can be no tank tops or muscle shirts; no clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, or drug/alcohol/tobacco products; no identifiable gang/crew clothing or paraphernalia; and no see-through clothing.

Skirts, dresses, shorts and spandex skirts should be approximately six inches below the buttocks or not shorter than fingertip level.

Pants should be secured at the waist – no sagging below the waist to expose undergarments.

Tights, stretch pants, leggings and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing long enough to cover buttocks.

Shoes must be worn.

Co. Councilmember To Welcome Pupils

Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, her staff and community volunteers will be among dignitaries welcoming children back to school on Monday, August 23. Turner herself will welcome returning students at Springhill Lake Elementary School from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. and will then go on to greet pupils at Robert Goddard Montessori and French Immersion School.

Turner says, “We look forward to seeing the children each year and bringing them a warm welcome on the first day of school.” “I encourage every parent to bring their child to school on the first day. It is so important to show our children that we support them in their educational endeavors.” She says she is thankful to the many volunteers who help ensure all the elementary and middle school children are greeted with a warm smile and wished success in the new school year.

Health Documents Needed to Register

There are a wide variety of immunizations needed prior to school enrollment. Lead screening is required for some of the youngest students and physical exams are required for some. Due to the importance of these requirements, they are described in detail below.

Immunization Record

The immunizations required before children can be admitted to school are diphtheria, tetanus, polio, rubeola (measles), rubella (3-day measles), mumps, varicella (chicken pox) and hepatitis B vaccines. Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine is also required for children through age six (6); Haemophilus influenza (HIB) and Pevnar (PCV7) vaccines are required for children in preschool programs. Specific requirements include:

1. Two doses of rubeola (measles) vaccine for kindergarten through 12th grade students, with both doses given on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 30 days. One dose, given after the first birthday, is required for pre-kindergarten students;
2. One dose of mumps and rubella vaccines given on or after the first birthday;
3. One dose of varicella vaccine for students younger than 13 years old; two doses of varicella vaccine are required for a previously unvaccinated student 13 years of age or older. Physician-documented history of chicken pox disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination (must include month and year);
4. Three doses of polio vaccine;
5. Four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP/DTaP) for children less than 7 years old; three doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccines (DTP, DTaP, Tdap, DT or Td) for children 7 years and older;
6. Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine

Physical Examination

A physical examination is recommended for each child entering the Maryland Public School System for the first time. The examination must be performed within the period of nine months before school entry to six months after entry. The form is available at each school or can be accessed from the Health Services page on the school system website, www.pgcps.org.

Lead Screening Certificate

All newly-enrolled students in pre-kindergarten through grade 1 must submit a form DHMH 4620 documenting that:

1. Blood lead testing was done; or
2. The child has never lived in a targeted zip code; or
3. The parent has a religious objection to the testing.

The documented tests should be at 12 months and 24 months of age. Two test results are required if the first test was done prior to 24 months of age. If the first test is done after 24 months of age, one test result is required. If there is a religious objection to the blood test, a Lead Risk Assessment must be administered by a health care provider. The form is available at each school or can be accessed from the Health Services page on the school system website, www.pgcps.org.

For more information parents can contact the Health Services Office at 301-749-4722.

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least six specific documents with them when registering. These include the child’s birth certificate, immunization record, child’s Social Security number, proof of residency, name and address of previous school and the child’s last report card.

Who May Register?

Only a parent or court-appointed guardian may register a student in a Prince George’s County Public School. If a student is residing with anyone else, they must either obtain legal court-appointed guardianship or apply for a kinship care approval/tuition waiver. For additional information call the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6302.

Kinship Care

Students whose parents or court-appointed guardians are not bona fide residents of Prince George’s County are considered nonresident students. Nonresident pupils may be enrolled in Prince George’s County Public Schools if the parent/guardian agrees to pay tuition. If the pupil is residing with a bona fide resident of the county and has requested and been approved for a kinship care/tuition waiver, the student may be enrolled without the payment of tuition. Waivers may be granted on the basis of extenuating circumstances of either financial hardship or home conditions. Homeless families should contact the Homeless Office at 301-925-2482 for information on registration options. Students placed in pre-adoptive homes by a state agency are not charged tuition.

Proof of Residence

Proof of residence is a prerequisite of admission to the public schools. Such proof must have the name and address of the person registering the student listed. The person who is registering a student for the first time must complete an Affidavit of Disclosure, as required by law, verifying their legal residence.

Proof of residence may be established by any of the following documents: settlement papers, lease agreement, rental receipt, deed of property or a tax assessment bill. The documents must be originals, not copies. If there is a question regarding the validity of one of the proofs, school personnel may require

additional information, such as a recent utility bill or employment verification.

Shared Housing

If a parent/court-appointed guardian is living with a friend or relative, a notarized Shared Housing Disclosure Form, signed by both parties, detailing the living arrangement, is required. The following conditions also must be met: 1. All parties must sign the notarized Shared Housing Disclosure; 2. The relative or friend with whom the parents reside must show their proof of residence; 3. The parent registering the child must present official mail to the school within 30 days of enrollment. Proof items include a statement from an employer showing the new address, bank statements, car registration, car insurance policy, government or official correspondence, etc.; 4. The school system reserves the right to monitor this type of proof periodically or as needed. The shared-housing agreement must be renewed annually.

International Students

If the primary language is other than English or the child was born outside the U.S. or has studied in a foreign school system, contact the International School Counseling Office at 301-445-8460 for an interview and assistance in completing registration forms. Students may not be accepted into a school until such an interview has taken place.

Former School Records

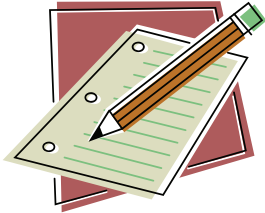
Withdrawal forms from the previous school the student attended should accompany a student transferring to a new school; however, students should not be kept from registering if they have not been properly withdrawn from the previous school.

Proof of Age

Proof of age is required for all students being registered. An original proof of birth must be provided for students entering the school system for the first time. Sources for birth verification include: birth certificate, hospital certificate, physician’s certificate and birth registration. The student’s name, student’s birth date and the name of the parent who is registering must be listed on the proof of birth. If the student has been previously registered in one of Prince George’s County Public Schools, an original birth verification is not required; a copy may be accepted.

Immunizations

Numerous immunization and other health documents are required (see separate story).



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DUI/DWI

August 10, 2:21 p.m., 100 block White Birch Court. A nonresident youth was petitioned for multiple alcohol-related traffic offenses, among other charges, after a traffic accident. He was later released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

August 11, 4:47 a.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A 20-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 12, 2:17 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 39-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related traffic offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglaries

August 6, 3:40 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Currency and shoes were taken.

August 8, 2:56 p.m., 7000 block Mathew Street. Nothing was taken.

August 12, 10:49 a.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive. A bicycle was taken from a porch.

Trespassing

August 9, 11:15 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 26-year-old Fort Washington man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

August 6, 3:00 p.m. 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A glass door was broken.

August 8, 3:21 p.m., 6200

block Springhill Court. A window was broken.

August 8, 12:43 p.m., 8100 block Bird Lane. A glass door was broken.

August 9, 11:24 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A window was broken.

August 11, 11:34 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crimes

High Point (North Carolina) Police located a burgundy 2002 Nissan Altima stolen from the 6100 block Breezewood Court on August 11. No arrests were made.

Thieves tried to steal a vehicle from the 9100 block Springhill Lane on August 12 but when that was unsuccessful, took only the car's stereo system.

Nine reports of thefts from autos were received: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (CB radio), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, two incidents (rear MD tag; DVD player, television, game console and video games), 9100 block Springhill Lane (GPS unit and charger), 6500 block Capitol Drive (set of tires and rims), 9100 block Edmonston Road (rear MD tag), 7200 block Mandan Road (tires), 6200 block Springhill Court (CD player), 6600 block Lake Park Drive (subwoofer).

Five acts of vandalism were reported: 8100 block Mandan Terrace (car window was broken), 20 Court Ridge Road (vehicle was scratched and tires cut), 7600 block Mandan Road (car window was broken), 6400 block Ivy Lane (car was scratched), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (car window was broken).

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be paid from Community Development Block Grant funds. Any cost in excess of the grant funds will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. Images from the cameras will be transmitted to the police station, where they will be recorded. Dispatchers will monitor the images when possible.

Middle School Task Force

Later in the meeting a resolution to establish a Greenbelt Middle School Task Force was introduced for first reading. The proposed task force would be modeled on one formed in early 1990 to consider options for Center School (now the Greenbelt Community Center). The resolution will be considered for final passage at the next meeting.

Under the proposed resolution, the task force will develop ideas and concepts for reutilization of the middle school, once it is no longer needed as a school. The group will seek public input on community needs and uses and conduct research into the feasibility of possible uses for the facility.

They will also meet with school representatives and others to learn about building operations and renovation options and prepare a report for council with recommendations on ideas and concepts for possible uses for the building.

The task force may have up to 15 citizen members plus a city council liaison and a city staff member. The latter members will be non-voting. Seven members will be selected from other city advisory boards.

Federal Improvements

Council unanimously approved a staff recommendation to send a letter to the National Capital Planning Commission regarding the Federal Capital Improvements Program for FY2011 – 2016. Council asked to be kept informed of the status of all ongoing or planned projects for the Goddard Space Flight Center, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Federal Court-house.

In other actions, council supported transit projects, except a Maglev proposal, encouraged investment in Greenbelt Park and the National Agricultural Library and supported the use of green building techniques in all federal capital improvement projects.

Nine projects are proposed for Goddard, including a new plan for a "Space Exploration and Education Center" to replace the current visitors center. A courthouse annex, included in previous capital improvement plans, has

been deferred beyond 2016 in the current plan.

Other Actions

Council accepted the report of the 75th Anniversary Committee. The group has been holding monthly meetings to plan for the 2012 celebration and will soon distribute a survey asking for preferences and ideas from citizens and local organizations.

An information pamphlet will be available at next month's Labor Day Festival. The group is currently brainstorming with a goal of having a "rough vision of what's to unfold in 2012" by the end of this year.

Council has also unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the negotiated purchase of certain goods and services when total fiscal year purchases will exceed \$10,000. Some purchases are quite large, such as the \$1 million to Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield and the \$1.5 million to the state retirement fund. Many of these, such as Carefirst, were competitively bid in the past. Others are sole source, or the best source, in city staff's assessment.

Unanimously approved, under a suspension of the rules, was a resolution petitioning the State Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to reinstate state aid to municipalities, particularly the localities' share of highway user revenues and state aid for police protection, both of which had been slashed to balance the state's budget.

Highway user funds were cut by 90 percent, with aid to police cut somewhat less, Davis noted.

The city resolution also petitions the state and assembly to provide municipalities with the freedom to impose other types of taxes, such as recordation fees and transfer taxes; or to provide municipalities with a share of motor vehicle moving violation fees, among other possibilities. (A suspension of the rules allows council to pass a resolution for first and second readings in the same council meeting.)

Council also unanimously approved extending short-term disability benefits for an injured Public Works employee for up to one year.

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County Schools Committed To a Safe Environment

by Mary Moien

Safety is on everyone’s mind, including safety at school. Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) has produced a document describing how it is committed to maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment for students and staff. (The Greenbelt Police Department also has school resource officers who maintain safety in city schools and who play a major role at those schools.) The school system employs 61 investigator/counselors, 126 security assistants, four field supervisors, one supervisor of technical services, 12 security technicians, one assistant supervisor and a director. Each high school has two resident investigator/counselors, one school resource deputy and two or more security assistants. Regional investigators are assigned to middle and elementary schools, special centers and administrative offices by educational zone. At least one security assistant is assigned to each middle school.

Investigators/Counselors are commissioned and certified police officers with powers of arrest on Board of Education properties only. They are responsible for investigating and prosecuting all criminal acts occurring on school grounds. Investigators are sworn to uphold and enforce laws of the state, assist administrators with enforcement of the Code of Student Conduct and provide a security presence essential to maintaining an orderly environment. Investigators play an integral role in the school environment. The positive interaction with students and proactive measures help prevent crimes and ensure a safe environment on school property.

Security assistants support school administrators in monitoring various locations on school grounds. They also monitor surveillance cameras and provide an additional adult security presence. Security assistants do not have arrest powers.

Each high school and most middle schools have multiple security cameras located throughout the interior and exterior of the building. With proper funding, all middle schools will be equipped with cameras by the end of Fiscal Year 2012. The cameras are monitored and serve to deter inappropriate behavior and assist in the investigation of incidents. The PGCPS surveillance camera system has been used as a model for other school systems.

Emergency Plans

All county public schools have emergency plans addressing criti-

cal incidents on and off campus. Emergency planning, training and workshops have been provided to school principals and staff in cooperation with public safety and other county agencies. School system representatives participate in the county’s Homeland Security Committee, working cooperatively with county, local, state and federal agencies in emergency response planning to include active shooter and pandemic flu.

All schools are equipped with two-way radios. The School Resource Deputy Program allows for direct two-way communication capability with the county or municipal police departments. Regional investigators are equipped with Blackberries or cell phones for immediate response. The school system reports that the students are safer because of the excellent partnerships with a variety of law enforcement and public safety agencies, entering into a partnership with the Prince George’s County Sheriff’s Department to place school resource deputies in all of the high schools. These specially selected and trained individuals are assigned on a full-time basis. They provide a uniformed presence, mentor students and are key to building trust with students.

A Gang Intelligence Task Force implemented by Security Services was established to identify, communicate and address community fears among students and parents, as well as to augment programs already in existence by local law enforcement.

Community services officers and community-oriented officers work closely with the schools and the School Security Department in enhancing relationships between law enforcement, students and administrators. The Campus Crime Solvers Program, established for Fiscal Year 2011, is a cooperative effort with Crime Solvers, the Prince George’s County Police Department, Office of the Sheriff and the Department of Security Services. It is PGCPS’ most recent initiative to reduce crime in schools. This program will be introduced and implemented in all schools by Fiscal Year 2013.

School Website Full of Information

All schools in Greenbelt have a website (see box for website addresses). Some are more detailed than others and, as of mid-August, most had not been updated to reflect the new school year. Some schools have a list of needed school supplies on their sites.

The Prince George’s County school system has an elaborate website (www.pgcps.org) containing general information about the school system, as well as detailed information on bus schedules, policy issues, future plans, school board meetings and agendas and information about individual schools in the system.

One of the most popular sites is a listing of lunch menus for an entire month. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to access their school website. Greenbelters without children in school may want to access this site to learn more about the school system and its philosophy and activities.

One particularly useful service available to parents is an email notification that is issued if schools close early for any reason. Parents can find this service on the parents page under weather-related closings.

Emergency Closings

When schools must be closed, opened later than usual or closed early because of weather or other emergency conditions, an announcement will be made over all Washington area radio and TV stations. In order to keep telephone lines open for emergency calls, parents are requested not to call the schools, central office or radio stations. When schools are closed early, bus transportation will be available for those students who are bused.

Bus Schedules

Since school bus schedules have been computerized, the school system has been unable to provide Greenbelt bus schedules to the News Review. Elementary school students are considered “walkers” if they live within 1.5 miles of school; the radius for middle school and high school students is two miles. For more information call the school system Department of Transportation at 301-952-6570.



Local Schools Times, Websites

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Magnolia Elementary – opens 9:15 a.m., closes 3:25 p.m.
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Turning Point Academy Public Charter School – opens 8 a.m., closes 2:30 p.m.
www1.pgcps.org/Turningpoint

Greenbelt Middle – opens 9 a.m., closes 3:40 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~greenbeltms/

Eleanor Roosevelt High School – opens 8:30 a.m., closes 3:10 p.m.
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Volunteer at School

Volunteers help enhance education for students in the Prince George’s County school system. Parents, students, neighbors, friends, business and government employees, crafts people, retirees and anyone who has time to share is invited to be a volunteer.

Volunteer activities include tutoring children individually or in small groups; aiding teachers in reading, mathematics, handwriting, science, English as a Second Language or any area of interest or sharing skills and talents, job expertise or life experience, as special resources for classroom instruction.

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Summer campers show their pride in Greenbelt camps.

rope atop the huge sphere. Camp Encore campers also sang and performed.

Miss Greenbelt Amber Youhouse demonstrated for Fox 5 reporter Allison Seymour how to do a perfect royal wave. Youhouse also talked about her charity, the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure, and the other community service activities the court participates in such as the monthly Artful Afternoons and tree plantings. Junior Miss Greenbelt Sarah Larkin said she enjoys volunteering and Little Miss Greenbelt Amanda Saucier said she likes meeting new people.

Other young people highlighted in the broadcast were the Sensational Inspiring Talented Youth (SITY) Stars Jump Rope Team that is celebrating its 20th anniversary. They demonstrated the Double Dutch skills that they had shown to Sasha and Malia Obama at the 2009 White House

Easter Egg Hunt.

History

Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum curator, discussed the history of the city through the museum's furniture and gardens. Greenbelt pioneers Lee Shields, John Maffay and Kathleen McFarland spoke about growing up in the city. Thomas X. White, former Greenbelt city councilmember and current News Review reporter and board vice president, discussed the Greenbelt News Review's history and its valuable place in the lives of its residents. "It is a fabric of the community," he said to the interviewer. "It keeps the community together."

More history included George Moore, who has served on the Greenbelt Fire and Rescue Department on and



Left to right Lee Shields, a member of a pioneer Greenbelt family, talks to a Fox reporter along with John Maffay and Kathleen Scott McFarland, who were also members of Greenbelt pioneer families.



Miss Greenbelt Amber Youhouse, Little Miss Greenbelt Amanda Saucier and Junior Miss Greenbelt Sarah Larkin pose with Fox reporter Tony Perkins.



Fox News cameraman catches the action in front of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Delegate Healey Announces Candidacy for House Seat

The remaining candidate for the unopposed three-incumbent slate for House of Delegates from District 22 (which includes Greenbelt) is Anne Healey, who has provided the following biographical material. (Biographies of Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross appeared in last week's News Review.)



Anne Healey

Delegate Anne Healey grew up in a blue-collar family in Scranton, Pa. Her father, Joseph P. Healey, was a mail carrier who served several terms as president of the Pittston, Pa., chapter of the National Association of Letter Carriers. Her mother, Florence, was originally from Jersey City, N.J.

Healey came of age at the time of the great social struggles of the 20th century. She found inspiration in stories about the Civil Rights Movement and the leadership of President John F. Kennedy. She became active in the Democratic Party in the 8th grade. She graduated from high school in 1968, a year marked by war, assassinations and turmoil.

During her college years (BA, Marywood College 1972), she worked as a waitress and did clerical work for insurance companies. She then moved to Washington, D.C., to attend graduate school, earning her MA in 1974 from the Catholic University of America.

At that time she began working as a reporter for The Catholic Standard. Later she became the first and only woman editor of The Catholic Review in Baltimore in 1984 and later edited two local community newspapers in Prince George's County, The Prince George's Post-Senti-

nel and The Prince George's Post.

Healey was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1990. She is in the top tier of leadership in the House of Delegates and serves as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review. This relatively low-

profile but very important committee reviews all regulations that come out of the executive branch before they can go into effect.

Healey is also a member of the Environmental Matters Committee, where she chairs the Subcommittee on Local Government and sits on subcommittees on Housing and Transportation policy. Earlier in her tenure, she was a member of the Ways and Means Committee for 16 years, serving for nine years as vice chair.

In the Prince George's Delegation, she serves on the Bi-county Subcommittee that oversees the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Delegate Healey has successfully sponsored bills on a variety of subjects from domestic violence to adoption, education, the environment and tax reform.

She and her husband, Neal Conway, have lived in the same house in old Hyattsville since their marriage in 1979. Neal, who retired from The President's Own U.S. Marine Band in 1994, is executive director of Community Legal Services of Prince George's County and a deacon at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Hyattsville. Their two children, Teresa and Robert, are now young adults.

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